

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 14, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. CLAY made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 83.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Verbiski, praying to be allowed an increase of pension, beg leave to report:

That it appears the petitioner made application for an increase of pension at the second session of the 35th Congress, when the following report was made, which your committee beg leave to adopt:

That the petitioner enlisted in the United States army in October, 1851, as a private, and was attached to company I, second infantry. While engaged in firing a national salute at Fort Yuma, California, on the 4th of July, 1852, the accidental discharge of a cannon blew his left arm from his body, seriously injured his right arm, almost destroyed his power of speech, and otherwise so injured him that he is totally unfit for manual manner. He was honorably discharged from the army at San Diego, California, in January, 1853, when his name was placed upon the pension rolls, under the existing laws, at \$8 per month, it being the largest amount to which he was so entitled. His injuries, received in the manner above stated, prevent him from engaging in any profitable employment, and he prays that his pension may be increased to \$20 per month;

Among other considerations, it will be remembered that, for the purpose of removing the necessity for extraordinary or increased pensions in cases of peculiar hardship, military asylums were established in 1851, where the wounded soldier might pass the residue of life free from all its cares and vicissitudes. The petitioner is an inmate of that institution, where he surrenders his pension for a comfortable home, and is probably better provided for than he would be out of the institution, even with the increase of pension he now asks for.

The committee report that the prayer be not granted.

